REMARKS.

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 15 has been amended to correct the preamble as suggested by the Examiner without narrowing the scope of the invention as would have been understood by one of ordinary skill in the art. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 and 30-58 are pending and have been indicated as being allowable. Reconsideration is requested.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues. If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

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